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## BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## OF THE STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	)	
ALEXANDER FISHER	)	STIPULATION AND ORDER
TO PRACTICE AS A	)	_
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR	)	CASE NO DOPL 2007 170
IN THE STATE OF UTAH	)	

ALEXANDER FISHER ("Respondent") and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing of the Department of Commerce of the State of Utah ("Division") stipulate and agree as follows

- I Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Division over Respondent and over the subject matter of this action
- 2 Respondent acknowledges that Respondent enters into this Stipulation knowingly and voluntarily

- 3 Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter and Respondent's signature below signifies that Respondent has either consulted with an attorney or Respondent waives Respondent's right to counsel in this matter
- 4 Respondent understands that Respondent is entitled to a hearing before the State of Utah's Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Board ("the Board"), or other Division Presiding Officer, at which time Respondent may present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, call witnesses, and confront adverse witnesses. Respondent acknowledges that by executing this document Respondent hereby waives the right to a hearing and any other rights to which Respondent may be entitled in connection with said hearing
- 5 Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a Petition and a Notice of Agency Action in this matter
- 6 Respondent acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order, if adopted by the Director of the Division, will be classified as a public document and may be released to other persons and entities
  - 7 Respondent admits the following facts are true
    - a Respondent failed to follow seal requirements set forth in Utah Administrative Code R156-22-601 in surveys performed in San Juan County, Utah between 1997 and 2007
    - b Respondent failed to show lines of occupation in boundary surveys performed in San Juan County, Utah between 1997 to 2007, as set forth in Section 7 of Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys
    - c Respondent failed to show monuments found and set in boundary surveys performed between 2002 to 2007, as set forth in Utah Code Ann § 17-23-17 and Section 7 of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys

- d Respondent failed to show the distance and course of all lines traced or established, giving the basis of bearing and the distance and course of two or more section corners or quarter corners, in Survey # 210, signed June 26, 1997 and Survey # 404, signed June 20, 2001, as set forth in Utah Code Ann § 17-23-17 and Section 7 of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys.
- e Respondent failed to describe property corners in boundary surveys performed between 1997 and 2007, as set forth in Utah Code Ann § 17-23-17
- Respondent failed to display the basis of bearing in boundary surveys performed between 1997 and 2007, as set forth in Utah Code Ann § 17-23-17 and Section 7 of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys
- g Respondent failed to show adjoining property owners and parcels in boundary surveys performed between 1997 and 2007, as set forth in the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys
- h Respondent completed an ALTA/ACSM survey for Blue Mountain Hospital in Blanding, Utah in 2006 Respondent's survey fails to show monuments set earlier by a previous surveyor, Keogh Land Surveying Respondent also failed to comply with all of the requirements set forth in Utah Code Ann § 17-23-17 and Section 7 of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys.
- Respondent admits that Respondent's conduct described above is unprofessional conduct as defined in Utah Code Ann § 58-1-501(2)(a) and (b), § 17-23-17, Utah Administrative Code R156-22-601, and the Utah Council of Land Surveyors Model Standards of Practice for Boundary Surveys, and that said conduct justifies disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Utah Code Ann § 58-1-401(2)(a) and § 58-22-401 Respondent agrees that an Order, which constitutes disciplinary action pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R156-1-102(7) and Utah Code Ann § 58-1-401(2), shall be entered in this matter as follows

(1) Respondent's license shall be revoked. That revocation shall be immediately stayed and the Respondent's license shall be subject to a term of probation for a period of three years. The period of probation shall commence on the effective date of this Stipulation and Order, which is the date the Division Director signs the Order. During the period of probation, Respondent shall be subject to all of the following terms and conditions. If the Board or Division later deems any of the conditions unnecessary such deletions may be made by an amended order issued unilaterally by the Division.

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- a. Respondent shall meet with the Board within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Stipulation and Order Respondent shall then meet with the Board on a quarterly basis or at such other greater or lesser frequency as determined by the Board and Division for the duration of the Stipulation and Order Respondent agrees to meet with an assigned staff member prior to the first Board meeting
- b Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within one (1) week of any change of employer, employment status, or practice status. This notification is required regardless of whether Respondent is employed in Respondent's profession
- c If Respondent leaves the State of Utah for a period longer than sixty (60) days, Respondent shall notify the Division and Board in writing of the dates of Respondent's departure and return. The licensing authorities of the jurisdiction to which Respondent moves shall be notified by Respondent in writing of the provisions of this Stipulation and Order Periods of residency or practice outside the State of Utah may apply to the reduction of the period this Stipulation and Order is in effect, if the new state of residency places equal or greater conditions upon the Respondent as those contained in this Stipulation and Order.
- If Respondent is arrested or charged with a criminal offense by any law enforcement agency, in any jurisdiction, inside or outside the State of Utah, for any reason, or should Respondent be admitted as a patient to any institution in this state or elsewhere for treatment regarding the abuse of or dependence on any chemical substance, or for treatment for any emotional or psychological disorder, Respondent agrees to cause the Division and Board to be notified immediately. If Respondent at any time during the period of this agreement is convicted of a criminal offense of any kind, or enters a plea in abeyance to a criminal offense of any kind, including a pending criminal charge, the Division may take appropriate action against Respondent, including imposing appropriate sanctions, after notice and

opportunity for hearing Such sanctions may include revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, or other appropriate sanctions

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- e Respondent must maintain a current license at all times during the period of this agreement
- f Respondent shall immediately notify the Division in writing of any change in Respondent's residential or business address
- Respondent shall complete all terms and conditions of any criminal sanctions, incurred before or during the period of this agreement, including probation or parole. If Respondent has not successfully completed all the terms and conditions of Respondent's criminal probation at the time. Respondent's administrative probationary period ends, the period of Respondent's administrative probation shall be extended until all the conditions of Respondent's criminal probation have been successfully completed.
- In the event Respondent does not practice as a professional land surveyor for a period of sixty (60) days or longer, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing of the date Respondent ceased practicing. The period of time in which Respondent does not practice shall not be counted toward the time period of this Stipulation and Order. It shall be within the discretion of the Board to modify this requirement if Respondent satisfactorily explains to the Board that compliance in Respondent's case was impractical or unduly burdensome. Respondent must work at least sixteen (16) hours per week and no more than forty-eight (48) hours per week to be considered "practicing" in Respondent's profession.
- Respondent shall notify any employer of Respondent's restricted status and the terms of this agreement. Respondent shall further cause Respondent's employer to submit performance evaluations to the Board on a monthly basis for six months and quarterly thereafter. The receipt of an unfavorable report from an employer may be considered to be a violation of the terms of this Stipulation and Order. If the Respondent is not employed as a professional land surveyor, Respondent shall submit the required employer report form to the Board on the date it is due and indicate on that form that Respondent is not currently employed in Respondent's licensed occupation or that Respondent is not currently working
- J Respondent shall provide to Respondent's employer(s) a copy of this Stipulation and Order and cause each employer to acknowledge to the

Board in writing that a copy of this Stipulation and Order has been provided to the employer

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- k Respondent shall comply with all of the requirements set forth in Utah Code Ann § 17-23-17
- Respondent shall work under the supervision of another professional land surveyor, pre-approved by the Division and Board The supervisor shall provide reports to the Division on a quarterly basis on forms pre-approved by the Division, summarizing the nature and quality of Respondent's work product The supervisor shall be licensed in good standing with the Division and have no conflict of interest with Respondent Respondent shall provide the name of the supervisor within 60 days of the effective date of this Stipulation and Order The supervisor shall review and summarize in reports to the Division 50% of the boundary surveys Respondent conducts during the period of probation Respondent shall pay all expenses of the supervisor, including any fee required by the supervisor
- m Respondent shall correct and resubmit the following surveys, to both the client and the governmental authority, as applicable
  - (i) Survey signed November 5, 1997
  - (11) Survey #210, signed June 26, 1997
  - (111) Survey #404, signed June 20, 2001
  - (iv) Survey #514, signed August 23, 2005
  - (v) Survey #624, signed February 8, 2007
  - (vi) Survey #627, signed December 13, 2006
  - (vii) Survey #629, signed October 14, 2006
- 9 This Stipulation and Order, upon approval by the Director of the Division, shall be the final compromise and settlement of this non-criminal administrative matter. Respondent acknowledges that the Director is not required to accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order and that if the Director does not do so, this Stipulation and the representations contained therein shall be null and void, except that the Division and the Respondent waive any claim of bias or prejudgment Respondent might have with regard to the Director by virtue of his having reviewed

this Stipulation, and this waiver shall survive such nullification

- Respondent agrees to abide by and comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, rules and orders related to the Respondent's practice of professional land surveying
- This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and cancels any and all prior negotiations, representations, understandings or agreements between the parties regarding the subject of this Stipulation and Order There are no verbal agreements that modify, interpret, construe or affect this Stipulation
- The terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Order become effective immediately upon the approval of this Stipulation and signing of the Order by the Division Director. Respondent must comply with all the terms and conditions of this Stipulation immediately following the Division Director's signing of the Order page of this Stipulation and Order. Respondent shall complete all the terms and conditions contained in the Stipulation and Order in a timely manner. If a time period for completion of a term or condition is not specifically set forth in the Stipulation and Order, Respondent agrees that the time period for completion of that term or condition shall be set by the Board. Failure to complete a term or condition in a timely manner shall constitute a violation of the Stipulation and Order and may subject Respondent to revocation or other sanctions.
- If Respondent violates any term or condition of this Stipulation and Order, the Division may take action against Respondent, including imposing appropriate sanction, in the manner provided by law. Such sanction may include revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, or other appropriate sanction.

14 Respondent has read each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and Order Respondent understands each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and Order Respondent has no questions about any paragraph or provision contained in this Stipulation and Order

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RESPONDENT

BY DANS JONES Bureau Manager BY Alexande Juck

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DATE August 9, 2007

MARK L SHURTLEFF ATTORNEY GENERAL

L MITCHELL JONES
Counsel for the Privision

DATE 13 Am 2007

## <u>ORDER</u>

THE ABOVE STIPULATION, in the matter of **ALEXANDER FISHER**, is hereby approved by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and constitutes my Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter The issuance of this Order is disciplinary action pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R156-1-102(7) and Utah Code Ann § 58-1-401(2) The terms and conditions of the Stipulation are incorporated herein and constitute my final Order in this case

DATED this 15 day of August

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DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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Investigator Wayne Jeppson